

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:305

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ENFORCEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS

ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY;MANSINH PATEL

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government have expressed its concern over the poor enforcement of various Environmental laws in the country;
- (b) if so, the facts and details in this regard;
- (c) whether any strategy is being formulated to ensure the enforcement of Environmental laws by the State Governments; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) , (b) , (c) & (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) , (b) , (c) & (d) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No.305 for reply on 13th August,2001raised by Shri Adhir Chowdhury & Shri Mansinh Patel regarding Enforcement of Environmental Laws.

(a) & (b) The Union Government periodically reviews the enforcement of the various environmental laws. The last review was undertaken in the meeting of Ministers of Environment of all States and Union Territories held at Coimbatore on 29-30 January, 2001.

(c) & (d) The following are the details of the strategy being followed :-

- i. The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) has formulated nationwide pollution control programmes in consultation with the State Pollution Control Boards (SPCBs);
- ii. Under Section 18 of the Water Act, Central Pollution Control Board has been delegated powers to issue directions to the State Pollution Control Boards for effective implementation of the programmes;
- iii. Under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, the Central Pollution Control Board has been delegated powers to issue directions to the industries located in any of the State for closure, if found violating the pollution control norms;
- iv. The Central Government has also delegated powers to the State Governments under Section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act for direct closure of the industry for non-compliance of the pollution control norms;
- v. To strengthen the State Pollution Control Boards / Pollution Control Committees, 80% cess money is being directly released to each State / Union Territory;
- vi. Under the various bilateral programmes, human resource development programmes are incorporated and technical and scientific staff in the State Pollution Control Boards and Central Pollution Control Board are provided with training facilities, both within the country and abroad.